THE MODERN NUBIANS AND THEIR ANCIENT MONUMENTS.

In surveying the wonders which crowd the banks of the Nile from Meroe to Memphis' we are struck with the reflection, that the wealth, power, and genius whence they derived their origin have entirely passed away. In some portions of that extensive tract, a race little superior to savages pass a rude and precarious life, ignorant of the arts, and insensible equally to the beauty and magnificence of the ruins which they tread under foot. They have ceased even to claim connexion with the people who raised the splendid monuments of Ebsamboul, Karnac, and Dendera; and, accordingly, they ascribe the anxiety which our countrymen display, in regard to those mountains of antiquity, to the desire of visiting the tombs of a European nation, who are supposed by them to have built the temples and sculptured the obelisks. The Nubians, especially, have relapsed into that low condition, where even curiosity has become dormant, and in which the eye can be every day fixed on the noblest works of human ingenuity without suggesting any speculation as to their authors, their epoch, or their design. Throughout the whole world, in short, there is no greater contrast to be witnessed than between what now is, and what must once have been, in Ethiopia and Egypt. There is even great difficulty in passing, by an effort of thought, from the one condition to the other, through the various scenes of conquest and desolation which seem necessary to have produced the effects we contemplate. We might question history; but we would receive no answer, as to the events and characters which the lapse of three thousand years has thrown into an impenetrable obscurity. Surrounded with darkness, we grope our way amidst superb structures, dedicated to gods and heroes whose names make but a faint impression on our ears; and we satisfy ourselves with the conclusion, that a great people had existed there before the era of recorded time, whose literature and philosophy have been outlived by their architectural monuments.—*Edinburgh Cabinet Library, No. XII. Nubia and Abyssinia.*

What Birds may be taught to do.—A Frenchman, not many years ago, exhibited some Canary birds in London, which performed several very amusing tricks, which one would hardly believe had he not seen them. One of them, taking a slender stick in its claws, passed its head between its legs, and suffered itself to be turned round, as a bird when the cook is roasting it. Another balanced itself, and was swung backwards and forwards, on a kind of slack rope. A third suffered itself to be shot at, and falling down as if dead, to be put into a little wheelbarrow and wheeled away by one of his comrades.

Partridges also have been taught to play the part of artillery men. At the word of command, from their teacher, they would light their matches at a little brass furnace—and at the second command, would touch off the cannon, at the noise of which they did not seem to be in the least frightened.

At another signal, some of the little warriors fell on their sides, and pretended to be dead—some limped away as if they were lame; others cried out as if they had been wounded; but at the slightest roll of the drum, the dead partridges jumped up, the cripples recovered the use of their limbs, and all were as lively and happy as ever.

The Senses Fallible Witnesses.—If in the heat of summer we descend into a cave, we are sensible that we are surrounded by a cold atmosphere; but if in the rigour of a frosty winter we descend into the same cave, we are conscious of the presence of a warm atmosphere. Now a thermometer suspended in the cave, on these occasions, will show exactly the same temperature; and, in fact, the air of the cave maintains the same temperature at all seasons of the year. The body, however, being in the one case, removed from a warm atmosphere into a colder one, and, in the other case, from a very cold atmosphere into one of a higher temperature, becomes in the latter case, sensible of warmth, and, in the former, of cold.—*Lardner's Cabinet Cyclopedia.*

Account of the North Cape, the most northern land of Europe, where the sun never sets.—The North Cape is an enormous rock which projecting far into the ocean, and being exposed to all the fury of the waves, and the outrage of tempests, crumbles every year more and more into ruins. Here every thing is solitary, every thing is sterile; very sad and despondent. The shadowy forest no longer adorns the brow of the mountain; the singing of the birds, which enliven even the woods of Lapland, is no longer heard in the scene of desolation; the ruggedness of the dark grey rock is not covered by a single shrub: the only music is the murmuring of the waves, ever and anon renewing their assaults on the huge masses that oppose them. The northern sun, creeping at midnight at the distance of five diameters along the horizon, and the immeasurable ocean in apparent contact with the skies, form the grand outlines in the sublime picture presented to the astonished spectator. The incessant cares and pursuits of anxious mortals are recollected as a dream; the various energies of animated nature are forgotten; the earth is contemplated only in its elements, and as constituting a part of the solar system.

Having made drawings of those rocks under various aspects, we landed from our boat, and scrambled upon the top of them. We there found some pieces of wood thrown up by the sea, with which we kindled a fire in the face of the frozen ocean, and began to prepare a repast. In looking about for a place to which we might retire with some comfort, we discovered a grotto, formed by three rocks, whose smooth and polished sides indicated that they had heretofore been washed for many ages by the waves of the sea. In the midst of these rocks was a large roundish stone, under which there ran a small stream of water. As we were tracing the course of the stream, which had its source in a neighboring mountain, we found on its margin some excellent plants of Angelica. This we regarded as a great acquisition to our table, because we had found it to be a very refreshing and salubrious vegetable. The grotto was so convenient, that it had the appearance of being the work of art. The stone in the centre served for a table, around which we could place ourselves: and we had only to stoop down to replenish our bowl with water perfectly fresh and sweet, though we were within a few paces of the salt sea.

Saltpetre.—The following interesting article is from the New York Farmer:—"Professor Rafinesque, denounces the use of saltpetre in brine intended for the preservation of animal flesh to be kept for food. That part of the saltpetre which is absorbed by the meat, he says, is nitric acid, or aqua fortis—a deadly poison. Animal flesh, previous to the addition of pickle, consists of gelatinous and fibrous substances, the former only possessing a nutritious virtue. This gelatine is destroyed by the chemical action of salt and saltpetre, and, as the professor remarks, the meat becomes as different a substance from what it should be, as leather is from the raw hide before it is subjected to the process of tanning. He ascribes to the pernicious effects of this chemical change all the diseases which are common to mariners and others who subsist principally on salted meat—such as scurvy, sore gums, decayed teeth, ulcers, &c.; and advises a total abandonment of the use of saltpetre, in the making of pickle for beef, pork, &c. The best substitute for which he says, is sugar—a small quantity rendering the meat sweeter, more wholesome, and equally as durable. These statements ought to be remembered by farmers, butchers, packers of sea provisions, purchasers and consumers. They are of peculiar importance to the latter class—of which some thousands are connected with our own community."

NEW AND SPLENDID Fall and Winter GOODS.

J. Richardson, Jr.,

Has the pleasure to inform his customers and the public generally, that he has just returned from market with, and is now opening,

A CHOICE ASSORTMENT OF
FANCY & STAPLE FALL & WINTER
GOODS,

Which he selected with the greatest care from the latest importations in *New-York, Philadelphia and Baltimore*, consisting in part of

Super blue, black, brown, olive, green and mixed Cloths;
Oxford steel mixed and Petersham do., for surtouts and top coats;
Diagonal, blue, brown, steel and silver mixed, &c. &c., Sattinetts;
Flannels, Blankets, Kerseys and Linseys;
Valencias, Silk Velvets, Florentines and other Vestings;
Figured and plain Merinos, of all colors;
Bombazines, Bombazetts and Circassians;
Black Italian Lustrings;
Plain and figured Gro-de-Naps;
Fancy and common Prints;
Grecian, Bobbinet, Jaconet, Swiss and Plaid Muslins;
Grecian and Bobbinet Footing, of various widths;
Thread Edging and Insertions;
Laces;
Hernana, twisted silk & fancy Handkerchiefs;
Merino and Chintz Shawls;
French Chintzs;
Blonde gauze Veils and Handkerchiefs;
Thibet wool and Merino Shawls;
White and black Fur Capes, &c. &c.;

Together with an extensive assortment of

DOMESTIC GOODS,
Consisting of the usual varieties.
ALSO,
COTTON YARNS,
From No. 4 to No. 10, inclusive;
CANDLE WICKS,
Fur & Wool Hats,
FUR, SEAL-SKIN & CLOTH CAPS
For men and boys,
CHINCHILLA CAPS, for children;
A great variety of Fancy and other
BASKETS,
Fancy Pails & Buckets,
WOODEN SPOONS,
BUTTER PRINTS, &c. &c.
Together with
GROCERIES,
China, Queens, Glass and Stone Ware;

All of which he will sell on moderate terms for cash or credit.

☞Understanding that a report has gone abroad, during my late absence, that I intended removing from the county, I take this opportunity to assure my friends and the public generally that I have no such intention; and that I mean to remain in the county and sell them Goods for the remainder of my days.
JOS. RICHARDSON, Jr.
Cambridge, Oct. 12, 1833 8w

VENDUE.

THE subscriber will offer for sale, at public vendue, on Thursday, the 24th of October, instant, at her residence in Todd's Point Neck, all of her stock of OXEN, COWS and YOUNG STEERS, several breeding SOWS, and HOGS, SHEEP, Corn and Fodder, Household and Kitchen Furniture and Farming Utensils; also, a good saddle and work Horse. The sale to commence at 10 o'clock; and a credit of six months will be given on all sums above five dollars. MARY BARNETT.
Oct. 12 2w*
N. B.—The Horse will be sold at private sale, if required.

NOTICE.

STRAYED from the farm whereon J. W. Satchell lives, about the 15th of September last, a red, unmarked HEIFER, three years old—It was bought of Mark Cook, negro, Town Point Neck. Also, from my yard, two milch COWS, pied, or white and red, neither being marked in the ear. Also, at the same time, a HEIFER, bought of J. B. Lake, two years old next spring, with white back and belly and black sides. Any information respecting them will be thankfully received, and if sent to me all expenses paid.
JOHN T. WILSON.
Oct 12 3w

Think on This!

PERSONS that do not pay their taxes for 1833 before the last day of next October Court, will soon thereafter be proceeded against for the same.
JEREMIAH C. WRIGHT,
Coll'r. Dor. Co.
Sept. 21
N. B.—I can be found in the Sheriff's office, in the Court House, Cambridge, every Monday forenoon, and at Mr. Bradshaw's tavern in the afternoon. J. C. W.

Mr. Callahan:—JAMES A. WADDELL, Esq., has consented to become a candidate for the next Sheriffalty, and will be strongly supported by many voters in
DORCHESTER COUNTY.
Oct. 12, 1833

NEW GOODS.

WE have just received from the New York and Baltimore markets, our
FALL SUPPLY OF
GOODS,
which, for fashion, comfort and cheapness cannot be surpassed. The public would do well to call and examine them.
HAYWARD & HENRY.
Cambridge, Sept. 21, 1833

CAMBRIDGE AND BALTIMORE
PACKET.

THE SLOOP "Cambridge Packet,"
LEWIS P. ROSS, MASTER,

RECENTLY built of the best materials copper fastened, and on the most improved plan, with a large and convenient cabin, consisting of two rooms and a private apartment, with fourteen berths, has commenced her regular route, leaving Cambridge every Tuesday, at nine o'clock; returning, leaving the Steam Boat wharf, Light street, opposite A. B. Harrison's, every Saturday at the same hour. All orders or goods left with Mr. A. B. Harrison in the absence of the sloop, will be put on board free of charge. Terms as usual, much reduced. Passage to Baltimore, including fare, $2 00, or without fare, $1 00, barrels 20 cents, hogsheads $1 00, boxes from 75 to 6¼ cents, salt per sack 12½, plank $1 75 per thousand, bricks the same, all other freights in proportion.
PETER LECOMPTE,
LEWIS ROSS,
LEWIS P. ROSS.
August 10, 1833.
N. B. Grain and orders will be received at Bell & Green's, Cambridge; Peter Lecompte's, State's Bank, and Lewis Ross's Store, where they are all prepared with good granaries, and will receive in the absence of the Sloop at either place, and deliver free of charge.

THE CAMBRIDGE & BALTIMORE
Packet Schooner

COL. E. RICHARDSON.

THE subscriber respectfully informs his customers and the public generally, that he intends to run his Packet, Col. E. Richardson, between this place and Baltimore, as usual; and will leave Cambridge every Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, for Baltimore, and Baltimore every Saturday morning, at the same hour, for Cambridge.

Thankful for the liberal patronage which has heretofore been extended to him, he is determined to persevere in his exertions to give entire and general satisfaction.

The Packet is furnished with a large and commodious Cabin, embracing two rooms, with sixteen berths.

He has reduced his Freights to the lowest rates. All Freights for him will be taken in at Mitchell's Granary, as usual.

All orders deposited with Hayward & Henry, Charles Corkran, or S. Mitchell, will be thankfully received and attended to with the utmost care and fidelity.
C B. FRAZIER.
Cambridge, Sept. 21, 1833
N. B.—Persons having orders, or wishing to take passage, would do well do bear in mind the hour specified for the starting of the schooner; for she will in future sail at that time with as little variation as may be.

A CARD.

THE subscriber respectfully informs the ladies and gentlemen of Cambridge and the public that he has for sale, at his Drug Store,
GENUINE COMPOUND CHLORINE
TOOTH-WASH,
and also
COMPOUND CHLORINE
TOOTH-PASTE,
superior articles for Cleansing and Preserving the Teeth and Gums, and purifying the Breath.
He has also just received a large assortment of
FANCY ARTICLES,
such as Otto of Rose; Montpelier, Vegetable, Variegated, Fancy, Clarified and Windsor Soaps; Fancy and Plain Colognes, Lavender, Honey and Florida Waters.
DR. THOMPSON'S Vegetable Specific,
FOR THE CURE OF
AGUE & FEVER, &c.
Also a quantity of
LEACHES,
which he will sell, by the dozen, or apply to patients, if requested.
A. C. THOMPSON.

FOR SALE,

Several valuable young HORSES, and two very fine brood MARES—all broke to harness. Apply to
THOMAS HAYWARD.
August 31, 1833
N. B.—A few barrels of very superior KEEPING APPLES for sale. T. H.

NOTICE.

THE subscriber having determined to leave the State, finds it necessary to make an imperative call upon all persons indebted to him to come forward and make immediate payment. Those who disregard this invitation will certainly be proceeded against according to law.

All business entrusted to the subscriber as counsellor and attorney, has been by him lodged with Henry Page, Esq., where those interested can call and make such arrangements as they deem proper.
W. A. LAKE.
Oct 5 3w

TO RENT,
For the ensuing year,

THE FARM whereon Mr. Nehemiah Lecompte resides, in Castle-Haven Neck.
WILLIAM REA, Guardian
to Wm. Creighton.
July 20, 1833

TO RENT.

The HOUSE at present occupied by Mr. Marshall, as a Shoe-Store, and the garden attached, would be rented for the ensuing year, if immediate application be made. Enquire of the Editor.
August 31

CLOCK & WATCH MAKING.

JOHN ROWINS and PETER W. WILLIS, having this day associated themselves together under the firm of
Rowins & Willis,
intend carrying on the above business in *Cambridge*, in all its various branches. If experience and a general knowledge of business—if attention and renewed exertions to please, can plead any thing in our favor, we trust we shall be able to render general satisfaction. Our shop is opposite Mr. Bradshaw's hotel, at which place one or the other of us will generally be found, and where we will be glad to receive the orders of our customers. ROWINS & WILLIS.
Cambridge, Oct. 1, 1833. [oc 5 tf]
N. B.—We have for sale an excellent GOLD LEVER WATCH. R. & W.

CARD.

THE subscriber will accommodate a few Jurymen during Court. All business in his line as agent, and in his official capacity, will be promptly attended to.
JAMES HOUSTON.
Cambridge, Oct. 5

LUMBER for Sale.

THE subscribers beg leave to inform their friends that they have on hand about 40 or 50,000 feet of WHITE PINE PLANK, of various qualities, which they will sell at a very small advance for cash.
MITCHELL & SPEDDEN.
Cambridge, June 22.

WILLIAM SPEDDEN

Returns his thanks for the liberal patronage with which he has been favored since he commenced the
CABINET MAKING BUSINESS,
and takes this method of informing the public, that he still continues to carry it on, at his old stand, two doors above Mr. Thomas White's store, where he is supplied with a quantity of Materials, of every description, which he will make up at the shortest notice, for cash or country produce, on the most reasonable terms.
He will attend to all orders for COFFINS, of all kinds, and supply Hearses, at the shortest notice. June 22

A Boot & Shoe Maker WANTED.

TO a good Boot and Shoe maker, the subscriber would give liberal wages or an interest in his shop.
JACOB PATTISON.
Taylor's Island, Sept. 28

NOTICE.

THE notes given by the purchasers of O'Connell, are now payable; and it is desired that they be promptly redeemed.
G. W. CALLAHAN.
Au gust 3

CAUTION.

WE hereby forwarn all persons against purchasing from Philip H. Graham, any negro or negroes belonging to the estate of George Graham, deceased.
JOHN TURNBULL,
SHADRACH GOOTEE,
Securities for Philip H. Graham, Adm'r. of George Graham, dec'd.
Sept. 28

Sheriff's Sale.

BY virtue of a writ of fieri facias, issued out of Dorchester County Court, and to me directed, in the name and on behalf of Henry Page, use of Ransom Pritchett, against Henry Pritchett, I will offer at public sale, on Tuesday, the 29th of October, between the hours of 10 and 4 o'clock, at William W. Lake's store, (Straits Hundred,) for cash, all of said Pritchett's right, title, interest and demand to the following tract or parts of tracts of land, known by the following names, viz: Pritchett's Beginning, Griffith's Attainment and Mill, or by whatsoever name or names they may, and be the number of acres what it may; also, one bed and furniture. The above property, taken as the property of said Pritchett, will be sold to satisfy the above writ and costs due and to become due; also for officers' fees and county charges due for 1831 and 32, and officers' fees for 1833.
REUBEN TALL,
Shff. and Coll'r., Dor. Co.
Oct 5 3w

Take Notice.

THE notes taken at the sale of the property of William Jones, of Fishing Creek, have become due. All persons who do not pay off the same by the 30th day of September next, will find them placed in the hands of officers for collection. Call on Thomas Dail, as he has the notes, and will receive the amount of the same.
LEVIN JONES,
Adm'r. of Wm. Jones, dec'd.
August 3, 1833

Notice.

THE undersigned are desirous of purchasing from 40 to 50 negroes, for the use of their plantation in Louisiana. They would be preferred in families, and as many from the same plantation as possible. Persons having servants to dispose of, will receive fair cash prices, and satisfactory evidence that they are intended for our own use and that they will not be separated, by applying to us through the Post Office at Easton.
FELIX HUSTON,
WALTER BYRNES.
August 24th, 1833. tf.

A CARD.

A WOOLFOLK wishes to inform the owners of Negroes in Maryland, Virginia, and N. Carolina, that he *is not dead*, as has been artfully represented by his opponents, but that he still lives, to give them CASH and the HIGHEST PRICES for their
NEGROES.
Persons having negroes to dispose of, will please give him a chance, by addressing him at Baltimore, where immediate attention will be paid to their wishes. Oct. 6

THE CAMBRIDGE CHRONICLE
IS PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY,
At Two Dollars and Fifty Cents per annum, payable half yearly, in advance. No paper will be discontinued until all arrears are paid and a specific notification to that effect is also given.

☞Advertisements not exceeding a square will be inserted three times for one dollar—and, unless otherwise ordered, continued for twenty-five cents, each subsequent insertion.

GREEN'S ISLAND FOR SALE.

IT contains about ONE THOUSAND ACRES OF LAND, on or near Nanticoke river, and has several fisheries, with an extensive range of Marsh, sufficient, it is computed, to support one thousand head of cattle. Also a tract of
WOODLAND,
near the Nanticoke river, whereon is a quantity of Pine and Oak, suitable for vessel building. As timbered land situated on the water is valuable, this property may be an object to lumber merchants and others. For terms, apply to
JAMES HOUSTON, *Agent.*
Cambridge, August 3.

A List of Letters,

REMAINING in the Post Office, at Cambridge, Md., the 1st of October, 1833.
A—*John Atkinson, Henry Arnett.*
B—*Rev. James Bradley, James Bowrie.*
C—*Aaron Cook, Aaron G. Cook.*
D—*Dixon Downs.*
F—*Dr. Levin T. Fisher*, 2.
G—*Benjamin T. Griffith, Charles Goldsborough, Charles Grayless.*
H—*Miss Elizabeth Hopkins, Benjamin Harrison*, 2, *Miss A. E. Hurst, Levin Hodson, Gabriel Heeman, Rachel Hanna.*
J—*Solomon Jackson*, 2, *Fielder Jones, Thomas Jones & Son.*
K—*Miss Mary Kirby*, 2.
L—*Peter Lecompte, John Lecompte, Lemier Lecompte, Samuel Lynthicum.*
M—*Mrs. Ann Maria McBride.*
N—*Flora Nicols.*
O—*Odd Fellows, Daniel Orem, Col. Theodore Owens.*
P—*Mrs. Charlotte Pattison, Noah Pearson, Richard Pattison, (B. Water.)*
R—*Rev. Samuel Rauleigh*, 2.
S—*James A. Stewart, Thomas Smoot, Miss Susan Stewart, John A. Seward, Messrs. James & Thomas Smith, Charles Sanders.*
W—*Henry Wicks, Levin Wooters.*
SAM'L. LECOMPTE, P. M.
Oct. 5 3w

MARYLAND:
Dorchester County Orphans' Court, September 30, 1833.

On application of NOAH DIXON, *Executor of* JOHN WILLIS, *late of Dorchester county, deceased,* It is ordered *that he give the notice required by law for all creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased's estate, and that he cause the same to be published once in each week, for the space of three successive weeks, in the Cambridge Chronicle, the paper selected by him.*

In testimony that the foregoing is truly copied from the minutes of the proceedings of Dorchester County Orphans' Court, L.S. *I have hereunto set my name, and the seal of my office affixed, this 30th day of September, in the year of our Lord,* 1833.
WM. W. ECCLESTON,
Register of Wills for Dorchester County.

In compliance with the above order, This is to give notice, that the subscriber, of Dorchester county, hath obtained from the Orphans' Court of Dorchester county, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of John Willis, *late of Dorchester county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 8th day of April next; they may otherwise, by law, be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand, this 30th day of September,* 1833.
NOAH DIXON,
Ex'r. of John Willis, dec'd.
October 5 3w

MARYLAND:
Dorchester County Orphans' Court, September 23, 1833.

On application of William Rea, *Executor of* John Griffin, *late of Dorchester county, deceased,* It is ordered *that he give the notice required by law for all creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased's estate, and that he cause the same to be published once in each week for the space of three successive weeks in the Cambridge Chronicle, the paper selected by him.*

In testimony that the foregoing is truly copied from the minutes of the proceedings of Dorchester County Orphans' Court, L.S. *I have hereunto set my name, and the seal of my office affixed, this 23d day of September, in the year of our Lord,* 1833.
WM. W. ECCLESTON,
Register of Wills for Dorchester county.

In compliance with the above order, This is to give notice that the subscriber, of Dorchester county, hath obtained from the Orphans' Court of said county, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of John Griffin, *late of Dorchester county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 15th day of May next; they may otherwise, by law, be excluded from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand, this 23d day of September,* 1833.
WILLIAM REA,
Ex'r. of John Griffin, dec'd.
Sept. 28 3w

MARYLAND:
Dorchester County Orphans' Court, September 23, 1833.

On application of Edward Pearson, *Administrator of* Sarah Graham, *late of Dorchester county, deceased,* It is ordered *that he give the notice required by law for all creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased's estate, and that he cause the same to be published once in each week, for the space of three successive weeks, in the Cambridge Chronicle, the paper selected by him.*

In testimony that the foregoing is truly copied from the minutes of the proceedings of Dorchester County Orphans' Court, L.S. *I have hereunto set my name, and the seal of my office affixed, this 23d day of September, in the year of our Lord,* 1833.
WM. W. ECCLESTON,
Register of Wills for Dorchester county.

In compliance with the above order, This is to give notice that the subscriber, of Dorchester county, hath obtained from the Orphans' Court of said county, in Maryland, letters of Administration on the personal estate of Sarah Graham, *late of Dorchester county, dec'd. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 4th day of April next; they may otherwise, by law, be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand, this 23d day of September,* 1833.
EDWARD PEARSON,
Adm'r. of Sarah Graham, dec'd.
Sept. 23 3w

LILLY, WAIT & COMPANY
PUBLISH THE
People's Magazine.
PROSPECTUS.

THE public are here presented with the first number of a work, which certainly has the claim of novelty upon their attention. Its object is to present the greatest amount of useful information and of solid instruction in the most pleasing and convenient form, and at the lowest possible price. The publishers have it in view to furnish a work for families; one which shall not only satisfy the curiosity and amuse the fancy, but which shall at the same time store the mind with useful knowledge, and prove as attractive to every reader as books of fiction. To effect this purpose, the pages of the work will embrace whatever is most interesting in books of modern travels; entertaining memoirs and biographical anecdotes; curious geographical topics; historical events and details, ancient and modern; remarkable adventures, both by sea and land; valuable discoveries and inventions, particularly in the useful arts; notices of the progress of improvement in all that relates to the comforts and conveniences of life; Natural History, with descriptions of the most remarkable quadrupeds, birds, fishes, reptiles, &c.; also trees, shrubs and plants, together with minerals, including the arts of mining, and descriptions of the most celebrated mines in the world. The various phenomena of nature likewise present subjects of unfailing interest, and to them due attention will be paid.

Such are some of the topics to which the work will be devoted, and no diligence or expense will be spared on the part of the conductors to fill its pages with the most recent and valuable intelligence relating to the various departments of knowledge.

In order to render this Magazine more useful and interesting to readers, a large number of highly-finished *Engravings* will be inserted, which may serve to convey more accurate ideas of the forms of animals, trees, plants, buildings, cities, and scenes, than any verbal descriptions could do.

The editors will be particularly attentive, in the discharge of their duties, to subjects of interest relating to our *own country;* and will introduce into each number a brief view of passing events, both domestic and foreign.

On the whole, it is the desire of the publishers to produce a work, that, by its low price and obviously useful and entertaining character, shall secure the favor of the public, and become an inmate of every family.

To assist in the undertaking, the "Penny Magazine," of which two hundred thousand copies are sold weekly in England, besides many other similar publications, are regularly received, and whatever is useful and appropriate in their pages will appear in the pages of this. These resources, with the original contributions, will enable the conductors to fulfil any just expectation that may be formed in regard to the work.

CONDITIONS.—The People's Magazine is published every other Saturday, at One Dollar a year, payable in advance. The postage will be three-fourths of a cent, if under 100 miles, and for the greatest distance one cent and a quarter, only. To all who take six or more copies a reasonable discount will be made. *Boston, May 25.*

PROSPECTUS.

Parley's Magazine
FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

THE design of the publishers, in this Magazine, is to offer to the public an entertaining work for children and youth; one that may become with them a favorite; one that will please and instruct them; one that they will regard not as a thing which they *must* read as a task, but which they will love to consult as a companion and friend; one, in short, the reading of which may be permitted to good children as a reward, but the denial of which may be felt as a punishment by those who are bad. It will consist chiefly of matters of fact, and the editors will endeavor to present truth and knowledge in a guise, as attractive to the youthful mind, as that in which fiction has generally been arrayed.

The title of the work is chosen, as an indication of what it is intended shall be its character. The style which the author of Peter Parley's Tales has chosen as a vehicle of instruction for youth, will be adopted in its pages, and Peter Parley, in his proper character of story teller and traveller, will often appear as a contributor. The work will comprise pieces adapted to all stages of the youthful faculties from childhood upwards. It may thus pass from hand to hand in the family circle, and the parents will not disdain to find amusement in what they are called upon to explain to their children; while the elder branches will be induced to try to lead on, by easy steps, their still younger companions to that enjoyment which they have already experienced themselves.

The contents of the work will be too various to be enumerated in this place; but in order to convey some idea of the intentions of the conductors, the following may be mentioned as forming a portion of the more prominent subjects.

I. Geographical Descriptions, of manners, customs, and countries.
II. Travels, Voyages, and Adventures, in various parts of the world.
III. Interesting Historical Notices and Anecdotes of each State, and of the United States, as well as of foreign countries.
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SOME MARVELLOUS THINGS RECORDED BY THE ANCIENTS.

Writing Elephants.—Cælius Rhodiginus says, that elephants have been sometimes known to write.

Large Tortoises.—Diodorus Siculas tells us, that the tortoises in the India Sea are so large that people sail in their shells on the rivers, even as well as in little cockboats.

A Bull changing his color like the camelion.—Macrobius describes a wonderful bull in the city of Hermynta, that the people worshipped, which changed its color every hour of the day.

Large Ants.—Rhodiur says, the ants in India are larger than foxes.

Men whose hearts have been covered with hair.—Pliny tells us that men have been found with their hearts rough or hairy, and he that hath it so is a valiant man, and stoutly disposed, as was experienced in the dissection of Aristomenes, who, with his own hand, slew three hundred Lacedemonians in one battle.

Some men walk after their heads are cut off.—Averoe de Med, saith that he saw a poor unfortunate patient, who, having his head taken off, walked to and fro, for a small while, in sight of all the people. It is also written of Dyonysius Acropagita, that, after his head was smitten off, he walked certain paces. Some say it was a league and more from the place of his execution. St. Denys did the same.

A man losing fifty-seven years of his life by sleep.—Pliny tells of Epimenides, the Gnostic, who, when a boy, being wearied of heat and travel, laid himself down in a certain cave, and there slept fifty-seven years, then awakening, he very much marvelled (like our modern Rip Van Winkle) at the great changes he observed in this world.

People living to two hundred years.—Pliny says that there is a race of Indians, inhabiting certain valleys, who live to the age of two hundred; that, when young, their hair is white, but blackens as they grow old. Sir John Sinclair speaks of a *too* salubrious valley, which people are obliged to move *from*, for fear of living forever.

Men with dogs' heads, tails, and fountains of liquid gold.—Pliny tells of men in India with dogs' heads; others with only one leg, though perfect Achilles for swiftness of foot; of a nation of pigmies; of some who lived by the smell; of tribes who had only one eye, in their forehead; and of some whose ears hung down to the ground. Ctesias, as cited by Phosius, talks of fountains of liquid gold, and of men with tails in India—true, we ought to remember, that Fernando Alarchon, a Spanish voyager, of undoubted credit, saw men with tails on the coast of California, and that several others have seen them with dogs' heads. Nonboddo rejoiced at this testimony, although Alarchon tells us that these tails were discovered to be fictitious: and we are also assured, that the dog-headed men were found to wear vizards. As to the fountains of gold, the Indian legends say so metaphorically, and so they are credited as real.

A Serpent one hundred and twenty feet long.—Valerius Maximus says, that the artillery of Regulus, in Africa, had to contend with, and at length killed, such a serpent, by stoning him. The serpent's hide was sent to Rome.

A Man born laughing.—Pliny says, that Zoroaster laughed the same day wherein he was born; and that the brain of this young philosopher so panted and beat that it would raise up the hands of those who laid them on his head, and which Pliny pronounces an excellent presage of the great learning Zoroaster afterwards attained to.

Five hundred thousand wild beasts killed in the Colosseum.—Historians say, that on the first day of the opening of the Colosseum, at Rome, Titus produced five hundred thousand wild beasts, which were killed in the arena.

Colossal Bones.—St. Augustine tells us, that he found on the sea-shore, near Utica, a fossal human tooth, which was a hundred times the size of the tooth of any person living Pliny says, that by an earthquake in Crete, a part of a mountain was opened, which discovered a skeleton sixteen or twenty feet long, supposed to be that of Orion.

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